FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Wilston Wonders – Regional Champions

The Wilston Wonders performed exceptionally well on Tuesday night at the Regional finals of Fanfare and were deserved winner. The finalists in the primary section were; Silkstone SS from Ipswich, Sandgate SS, Ashgrove SS, Wynnum SS and Brookfield SS. All choirs sang exceptionally well but it was the Wilston Wonders night.

I thought I would share the lovely acknowledgement afforded Miranda Charters from one of her colleague’s from a competing school.

“Hi Miranda

With the crowds last night, I didn’t have the opportunity to congratulate you and your choir on your success at Fanfare and the children’s beautiful singing. I loved your choir’s sound, choice of songs and the enjoyment that they showed as they sang! So, very well done and enjoy the excitement!”

Keep A Watch On Our School These Holidays

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call School Watch on 13 17 88 and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter. The School Watch program is a partnership between the Department of Education and Training, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools. Keep the number handy and let’s work together to help create a safer school community.

Assembly Performance

Last week our whole school assembly showcased the talents of our choral and strings students. The Junior Choir and Wilston Wonders performed beautifully as did the Dolce Strings and Vivace Strings Ensembles. The quality of the performances was testament to the commitment of both the students in these programs as well as the teachers: Mrs Barnett, Mrs Chambers, Mrs Payne, Mr Fay and Mrs Brandt. We look forward to hearing these talented students perform again in Semester Two.

School Survey

All parents/caregivers, school staff and a random sample of students are encouraged to have their say in this year’s School Opinion Survey by providing their opinions about what this school does well and how this school can improve. Each of the online surveys are currently open and will remain so until 31 July 2015. Access details for the Parent/Caregiver Survey were sent home with students yesterday, and parents/caregivers are welcome to complete their survey online at the school. School computers will be available during the first week of Term 3. If you haven’t received any survey access details by the end of this week, please contact Leigh Hofmeister on telephone 0735528444 or email info@wilstonss.eq.edu.au

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WILSTON STAR AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students for receiving a Star Award for this term to acknowledge their consistent efforts in following the Wilston Care Fors. The students received a special certificate and badge on this week’s assembly.

Prep

Year 1

Year 2

Year 3
George M, Lucy H 3A, Rowan H, Anna L 3B, Oscar R, Lucy S 3C, Alex P, Indianna S. 3D, Claire S, Oliver F 3E.

Year 4

Year 4/5
Ebony B, Gabriela R.

Year 5
George B, Fuschia C 5A, Tori J, Damon C 5B, Ashley G, Hannah B 5C.

Year 6
Hamish M, Olivia B 6A, Kobe D, Isabella S 6B, Linda K, Lily O 6C, Lucia C 6D.

SPORTS DAY PHOTOGRAPHER

If you are a keen photographer and you will be attending the Sport’s Days on Thursday or Friday of Week 1, could you please email Danielle Freeman on dfree19@eq.edu.au to arrange the supply of photos for this year’s Wilston State School Year Book. Thanks in advance.

Danielle Freeman

TOP UP STATIONERY PACKS

Top Up Stationery packs were recently sent out with each year level, please check with your child’s teacher as to what items on this list are required.

ECOMARINES

News from EcoMarines
Thank you so much for all your support over the past two terms. Thank you EcoWarriors and Ambassadors for being passionate and committed leaders. Seeing your faces and hearing your wonderful ideas and contributions every Tuesday and Friday morning tea makes such a difference to what we are doing here at Wilston. We are overwhelmed with the support that you bring to our meetings and what you all do for our community and beyond. You have no idea the impact that you have on the wider environmental community; we are thankful and very proud of your efforts.

We would like to thank everyone that voted for Tangalooma EcoMarines (TEM) for the ‘2015 Sustainable Education Award’ by Healthy Water-ways because they WON their category!!! This means that TEM has received $750 for the TEM foundation which will go towards building up the program and helping the marine life around Morten Bay. Part of their submission was based on the efforts of TEM schools and Wilston was one of the schools that contributed significantly. They could not have done it without us.

We are in the process of appointing four new EcoMarine Ambassadors for 2015/2016. The students who are applying are from Year 4 and 5 and they will be interviewed in the second week of Term 3. Good luck to those students preparing their speeches and presentations. Miss Doneley, Jessica, Jade, Scarlett, Polly and I are looking forward to hearing them all and announcing our new EcoMarine Ambassadors.

Our ‘Turn to Tap’ bag tag competition winner has been chosen by Urban Utilities and they will be announced at assembly after the school holidays. Thank you for all your submissions, I am glad that I didn’t have to choose!

Finally, thank you Jessica B, Scarlett S, Jade T and Polly L for your passion, leadership and hard work over the past year. Being the first appointed EcoAmbassadors at Wilston State School is an amazing accomplishment. Our EcoMarine program has expanded and accomplished so much over the past year. Our team is very lucky to have been led by you all. I am sure the next Ambassadors will be just as good with the support and guidance from all four of you. Thank you so much, you have been AMAZING! GO-GREEN-ECOMARINE!

Ms Rodriguez and Miss Doneley

NEWS FROM HPE

Congratulations to Jack M who gained selection into the Queensland AFL team to compete at the National Championships in Geelong later in the year.

The new dates are as follows:

- Senior Carnival (9 – 12 years):
  - Tuesday 14 & Wednesday 15 July
  - Main Carnival Day: Thursday 16 July

- Junior Carnival (Prep-Byears):
  - Carnival: Friday 17 July

Rodney Bell. PE Specialist

CHOIR NEWS

Wilston Wonders
Choral Fanfare Final—WE WON!!

Congratulations to our students for their fantastic performance at the Choral Fanfare final on Tuesday evening. We were competing against five other primary choirs and it was wonderful to see and hear so many talented young singers representing their school. Our students really excelled on the night! Thank you to Mrs Barnett our accompanist, Mrs Fay, Mrs Payne, Mr Hendriks and friends and family for coming along to support us! We also enjoyed our celebratory pizza party today (Thursday).

New Members Welcome

Term 3 is a great time for new students to join the Wilston Wonders. We are not an “auditioned” choir and welcome any students from years 5 and 6. Rehearsals are Friday mornings 8.00am. If your child is interested he/she can come along to a rehearsal to check it out before making the commitment.
For the benefit of the choir we would expect new members to remain in the choir for the remainder of the year.
With thanks

Miranda Charters

TUCKSHOP NEWS

The Tuckshop has an increased number of children with missing lunch. When ordering Munch Monitors please check that you get a confirmation of a successful transaction. An easy way to do this is go to front page and see if there is a red tick beside your child’s name. You can also check in your account summary once you have logged in.

We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.

The roster that follows is for the first week back after the school holidays.

Week beginning 13th July 2015
Monday 13th Lisa McGrath, Sharon Waddingham, Wendy Bensley
Tuesday 14th Elissa Hoey, Sabrina Raw
Wednesday 15th Peter Power, Lisa Pyne
Thursday 16th Melinda Jennison, Sian Pratt, Megan Chambers
Friday 17th Pru Camisa, Amber Frazer, Louise Blake, Bob and Sue Behan.

Bec Macdonald 0448 804 279 60huet@gmail.com
Dot Milne 0408 729 021

FROM THE UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP

SHOP OPEN: Wednesday and Friday during Terms 2 and Term 3, 2015 (between 8.15 and 9.30am).

Please note: The shop will be closed on Mondays in Term 2 and Term 3, but will be open on the first day of Term 3 (Monday 13 July).

SHOP ONLINE: Go to www.munchmonitor.com; Username: wilstonss and Password: munch4051. All items purchased online are delivered to your child’s class. Please note: Deliveries are only made on the days that the shop is open.

Stock Update: Out of Stock: dress (size 8 and 10); embroidered polo shirt mocha (size 6); senior shirts (size 14), prep hat ribbon, girls’ winter stretch pants (sizes 6, 8, 10 and 12); tights (size 6-9).
Some current stock will run low and will not be replaced while the updated uniforms are in production. Thanks for your patience and understanding over the next few months.

Mid-year Stationery Top-up
Order forms for topping up your child’s stationery (exercise books, pens, glue sticks etc) were distributed last week. Forms returned by the end of this term (Friday 26 June) will be processed over the holidays and distributed in the first week of Term 3. Forms returned at the start of Term 3 will also be processed, with delivery shortly after the order is received. Please ask your teacher what items your child needs, then return your completed form via the class blue bag.

Uniform Shop Vacancy
If you’ve ever wished you could work in the uniform shop, then here’s your chance!! There will be a short-term vacancy for a uniform shop convenor in Term 4 (one to two mornings per week, possibly a bit more). We would love to find the right person by the end of this term, so that training can start in Term 3. So if this sounds like the job for you, or know someone you think is perfectly suited to this role, then please contact us as soon as possible. It’s a fun and interesting job – give us a call if you want to know more!

Stocktake
Thanks to the wonderful volunteers who helped us out today counting all the stock in the shop. Your efforts are very much appreciated!

Christine Matheson and Janice Nykiel, Convenors
Ph. 3552 8490 / 0448 633 737 / chrismath1@hotmail.com

NEWS FROM THE P&C

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It’s also time to look through your clothing and toys over the break and use the fete as an opportunity to ‘declutter’. Where you can, get all the puzzle pieces and wash and iron clothing donations. Oh, and make jam.

Most of all, get your friends and family to ‘like’ the Wilston State School Fete 2015 https://www.facebook.com/wssfetes2015. I’ve been really impressed with how many people are making a good contribution to the fete and want to encourage you all to contact your class rep to see what you can do to help. The on-the-day volunteer roster will be via Sign Up Genius, but there are so many things that need to be done before 12 September.

Thanks to all our teachers and teacher aides who have put in so much work over the past half year. On behalf of the P&C, thank you staff for working so hard to educate our children.

Have a good break.

Julia Thornton

Entertainment Books
Don’t forget to order your Entertainment Book NOW. Order forms will be going home with the youngest in the family. You may also order your book or your digital membership securely online. Visit www.entbook.com.au/221987b. For any queries please contact Jacinda Geritz on jmgeritz@bigpond.com

Once ordered the books will be handed to your child. They are not available for collection at the school office.

NEWS FROM WILSTON KIDS CARE

Recording student absences
Sometimes when we have a sick child at home we remember to contact the school to remind them but we often forget WKC. If you are emailing the class teacher to let them know of your child’s absence then don’t forget to cc’ the WKC. It is a concern to us when a child booked in for an afternoon does not turn up. We need to contact you to verify the child is with you. So to avoid the problem just remember to cc’ the WKC when emailing wilstonkidsicare@optusnet.com.au or give us a quick call too.

Vacation Care
Remember bookings for Vacation Care are important.

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**NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB**

**Holiday squads** will run in the first week of the school holidays at Wilston Pool and during the second week at Healthstream, QUT, Kelvin Grove.

Squads for the first week will run Monday 30 June to Friday 3rd July as follows:
- **Stroke Development Squad** 4:00 - 4:45pm
- **Skills Development Squad** 4:00 - 5:00pm
- **Training Development, Target and Fitness Squads** 4:00 - 5:45pm.

There will also be two morning sessions available on Tuesday 30 June and Thursday 2 July:
- Adult squad - 6:15- 7:15am
- Training Development, Target and Fitness squads - 6:30- 8:15
- Skills Squad - 7:15 - 8:15am
- Stroke Development Squad - 7:45- 8:30am

Squads in the second week, 6 - 10 July, will be held at Healthstream, QUT, Kelvin Grove. All squads will commence at 4:00pm with the Training, Target and Fitness squads finishing at 6:00pm. Final details will be emailed out to all squad members. The Stroke Development Squad will not run in the second week of the holidays.

There is availability remaining for Term 3 Learn to Swim. Swimming year round has many benefits and we encourage all our squad and learn to swim kids to maintain their skills and swim over the winter months. The pool is heated year round to 29 degrees.

**Term 2 swim fees are now overdue.** Bookings for Term 3 will not be accepted if you have any outstanding payments.

Good luck to all our swimmers competing at the Commercial Short Course Meet over the holidays.

Our next **Committee Meeting** will be held Thursday 23rd July at 7:00pm poolside. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Wilston Swim Club has a new email and website address.**
- Our new email address is swim@wilstonpandc.org.au
- Our new website address is swim.wilstonpandc.org.au

Could you please update your records as the old address has now expired.

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**Craigslea State High School 2016 Year 7 Enrolments**

Year 7 Enrolment Interviews have commenced for 2016. Interviews are available on the following dates: 23 July, 10 and 27 August and 10 September. Enrolment packs may be collected from the Administration office. To book interviews please contact our Administration staff on 3326 5222.

**Applications and Entry requirements for 2016 Year 7 Schools of Excellence.**

**Excellence in Science Program**
- Entrance Examination – Saturday, 18 July 2015
- Application submitted by Friday, 24 July 2015
- Workshop and Auditions – Saturday, 8 August 2015

**Signature Music Program**
- Application submitted by Friday, 24 July 2015
- Workshop and Auditions – Saturday, 8 August 2015
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**Craigslea Volleyball Academy**
- Application submitted by Friday, 4 September
- Trials for Skills/Fitness – Monday & Tuesday, 7 & 8 September 2015
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All Programs of Excellence will be finalised in Term 3 2015 and successful applicants will be notified.

**Year 7 Excellence in Science Program**
- This program is designed to provide high performing students with greater opportunities to excel in Science. This three year program across Years 7, 8 and 9 allows bright, highly motivated students to be grouped together in one class so they are challenged, nurtured and motivated to work hard and continue to excel in their studies.
- Year 7 students in 2016 are invited to apply for entry into this Signature Program. We wish to advise the sitting date for the Entrance Examination is 9.00am Saturday, 18 July 2015. If your student will be sitting the Entrance Examination, please contact Cathy [craigslea.high@eq.edu.au](mailto:craigslea.high@eq.edu.au) or phone 33265222 by Wednesday, 15 July.
Fete News

Enjoy your school holidays, but don’t forget the Fete. Perhaps you could clean out your wardrobe, bookshelves and toybox to find unwanted items to donate. If you are gardening, pot up any unwanted plants to donate. Maybe you could cook and make craft items for the Country Markets, or collect empty jars and bottles. Or start planning what cakes and sweets you could cook before Fete day.

Want to be a Barista?

The Tea and Tarts Stall will be supplying caffeine hits at the Fete. But to do that, the Stall needs volunteers to operate its coffee machine. The preference is for people who already know their way around a coffee machine – basic operating instructions will be provided. If you can help for an hour or two on Fete day, please contact Rachel at garrawaydental@optusnet.com.au.

Sign Up

Our Fete is only held every second year. It is a whole school event, and needs a contribution from every family to make it a success.

There are many interesting and fun ways you can participate in the Fete - in the lead up and on the day. Even an hour or two of your time can help.

Ask your class stall convenor how you can help. And in Term 3 watch out for our online roster – SignUpGenius. You’ll be able to nominate the tasks and timeslots you want to help with. Nominate early as the best jobs fill quickly!

Donation drop-offs

We appreciate your donations of second-hand items for the Fete.

From Week 1 in Term 3 donations of second-hand clothes and toys can be left at E block in the classroom closest to Inglis Street.

The location for books to be donated will be confirmed at the beginning of Term 3.

*Please help our hard-working stall convenors by ensuring all donated items are clean & undamaged. Items in poor condition don’t sell, and so they just waste volunteer resources on sorting and disposal.

Equipment needed

Do you have a portable marque or folding table that you could lend on Fete day? If so, please email the Fete team on fete@wilstonpandc.com.au.
Country Markets

500 items are required for sale at this year’s Country Markets stall. We need jams, chutney, lemon/passionfruit butter, relish, sauces, preserved fruit/vegetables, fresh eggs, produce and more. We are also looking for beautiful homemade craft such as herb pillows, coat hangers, hair clips etc...

So, we need the help of anyone who can cook, collect bottles, or has great craft skills. Please rope in your friends and neighbours. Every bottle of product and homemade item will be a great help!

The following will help when cooking:

- Look for local cheap produce or things you grow in your own garden.
- If you can’t cook, do you have ingredients for others to use? We can link cooks to produce.
- Look for great recipes on the internet or via word of mouth. We have proven recipes if needed.
- Make perishable items, like the very popular lemon butter, in the week before the Fete – then keep them chilled.
- Ensure jars are sterilized – see http://britishfood.about.com/od/glossary/ht/sterilizingjars.htm for instructions.
- All products must be clearly labelled with all of the following details:
  - the date made
  - the ingredients
  - the statement: “May contain allergens” (we require this on all products regardless of contents to advertise risk)
  - who made - use the first 4 letters of your surname and your location - eg STOCnewmarket

- Make the bottle look pretty. A material cover with an elastic band looks great. We have some brown label tags, material covers and a country market stamp - let us know what you need.

Please let us know if you need anything.

Alexis and Cara P
042 2183032, simonandlex@hotmail.com

Jars and bottles

We need lots of cooks to make beautiful products for our Country Markets. But our cooks also need jars and bottles to put their delicious treats in. We are looking for small to medium size glass jars and bottles with metal lids (salsa or smaller jam jars are ideal). Your excess jars and bottles can be dropped off at the Tuckshop or anytime outside the door at 7 Yarradale Street, Newmarket.

Cooks – a supply of jars and bottles will be kept outside the door at 7 Yarradale Street - so just come and take what you need!

Getting a ticket to ride!

The Fete will feature exciting carnival rides including The Scrambler, Mega Chairs, Fun Factory, Super Slide, Rock Climbing Wall, Laser Tag, Mad Hatters Cup n Saucers, Jungle jumping castle, and the Animal Farm!

For unlimited fun, a pre-paid ride wristband will enable your kids to go on all the rides as many times as they like, and avoid the ticket queue. Wristbands will be available for sale in Term 3.